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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Convocation

# Agents of Reconciliation



“ Christ’s work of redemption is all-encompassing, calling us to embody, represent and witness to our Lord in all areas of life and culture. ”

-Justin D. Cooper

It was an awesome sight as this year’s record-sized graduating class of 185 students stood to the applause of an overflow crowd in our auditorium. I had just reminded them, as I do for every graduating class, that they were going forth not just as representatives of Redeemer University College but first and foremost as servants of Jesus Christ and agents of his reconciliation of “all things.”

This reference to “all things” is taken from Colossians 1, which speaks of Christ’s work of reconciling all things to himself, and it aptly describes our task. Preparing young people to be agents of Christ’s reconciliation is a good way to characterize Redeemer’s mission. It reminds us that Christ’s work of redemption is all-encompassing, calling us to embody, represent and witness to our Lord in all areas of life and culture. It also underscores that such witness involves both word and deed, thought and practice. What an awesome privilege it is to be able to play a part in this great redemptive task!

I always find it inspiring to see how this calling is unfolded in the lives and work of our faculty, staff and students, whether in teaching, scholarship, creative endeavour, residence living, campus activities, community service, co-op placements or mission trips. The great variety of gifts, the vision and commitment and the heart for serving Christ provide for a rich, faith-building atmosphere on our campus that spills over into our community outreach.

Equally encouraging are the reports of Redeemer alumni, now numbering over 2700, who are making a difference

for Christ and his Kingdom in so many areas of life and culture and, increasingly, so many different parts of Canada and the world. Their stories are an ongoing source of satisfaction and thanksgiving as we see the Lord at work in their lives.

Reflecting on these realities strengthens my appreciation for the important role that Redeemer University College plays in equipping our students to be servants of Christ. Christian university education is crucial to shaping Christian leaders who can engage our culture in distinctive and competent ways. And Redeemer isn’t alone in carrying out this task.

As one of thirteen Christian colleges and universities across Canada, along with eleven Bible colleges and thirteen seminaries and graduate schools, we are part of a larger movement of Christ-centred institutions of post-secondary education that has formed an organization called CHEC (Christian Higher Education Canada). Together we have an important role to play in preparing students to be agents of Christ’s reconciliation in Canada and beyond.

As you peruse this issue of *Images*, I hope you too will be inspired and encouraged as you are reminded of the new generation of leaders who are being trained to serve Christ in all walks of life. Please join us in praying that the Lord will continue to use Redeemer to be a faithful witness and to do its part in this great task, one student and one graduating class at a time. ■



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# COMMENCEMENT 2007



**T**he Redeemer community celebrated the accomplishments of its graduates on May 26 with the 22<sup>nd</sup> Convocation for the Conferring of Degrees. With more than 185 students graduating, this marked the largest graduating class in Redeemer's history.

In a very "colourful" address, keynote speaker Dr. Shirley Roels, Professor of Management at Calvin College, encouraged grads to weave God's promises and His Spirit's enabling work with their own goals

and plans, wherever their lives will take them. Class Speaker Jehan Watson reflected on all the things that students have learned over their years at Redeemer. Although not all of those lessons took place in the classroom, and not all of them were immediately positive, they were, Jehan noted, part of God's work in each of their lives.

Also "graduating" that day was Dr. Wytse (Vince) van Dijk, who retired from full-time teaching at the end of the academic year. A member of the original

faculty, Dr. van Dijk has taught Physics, Mathematics and Computer Science over his twenty-five year tenure at Redeemer, and has served in many administrative roles, including several terms as Vice President (Academic). Dr. Wayne Norman, Professor of Psychology has also retired from teaching at Redeemer, although he will continue to oversee the Faculty Development program (see p. 16). ■

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(TOP) Dr. Cooper stands with Michelle DeBoer (left), who received the Governor General's Award for having the highest academic standing of the graduating class; and Robyn Hogan, who was given the Faculty Award, which is given annually to the graduate "who best exemplifies academic excellence, Christian leadership, and active participation in the life of Redeemer."

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(LEFT) It's a family affair ... Tony Locco celebrated his graduation from the Education program with his daughter Lauren and wife Beth.

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(RIGHT) Commencement speaker Dr. Shirley Roels





## Foundation's case to be heard by top court

The Redeemer Foundation has been granted leave to appeal its case with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to the Supreme Court of Canada.

The Foundation claims that, in the course of a routine audit of its Forgivable Loan program, the CRA unlawfully secured confidential donor information from the Foundation. The CRA then used that information to reassess 250 donors to the program. The Foundation took the CRA to court over the issue and won, but the CRA successfully appealed that decision.

According to Bill van Staaldunin, Executive Director of the Foundation, "the Court has decided our case raises an issue of national significance (so) it is prepared to consider the matter seriously on full appeal."

The case has also tweaked the interest of a number of legal firms that deal with tax law, some of whom have supported the Foundation's Application to Appeal.

In making its decision, the Court awarded "costs in any event to the applicant," meaning that the CRA will be responsible for any court costs (but not the Foundation's legal costs), that are accrued. The Court also dismissed an application by the CRA to have an affidavit by a nationally known tax expert struck from the Foundation's application.

It could be six months or more before the appeal is actually heard. In the meantime, Redeemer supporters are asked to pray that justice will prevail. ■

## Student Campaign tops \$1 million

Because it receives no direct government funding, Redeemer works hard at keeping its education as affordable as possible. The **Growing with Integrity – Supporting our Students Campaign** is raising funds that are going directly into programs designed to enable as many students as possible to attend Redeemer.

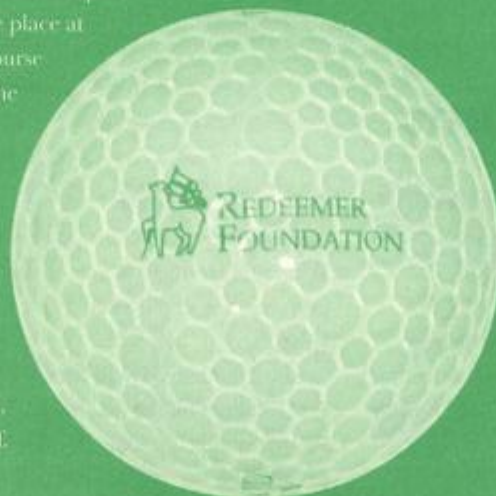
Already, this campaign has allowed Redeemer to freeze both tuition and housing fees for the 2006-07 year and to greatly increase the value of its scholarship programs. One of the other key elements of this initiative is to expand the Redeemer Student Fund program, a needs-based program that benefits more than 100 students each year. Qualified students receive loans that help make up the difference after all other financial aid is exhausted, allowing them to complete their studies. By meeting certain conditions, up to 80% of the loan can be forgiven.

Recently, the **Supporting our Students Campaign** topped the \$1 million mark in pledges toward its \$3.3 million campaign goal. "We are very grateful to the supporters who have helped us reach this point," notes Bill van Staaldunin, Vice President (Advancement). "The need to make a Redeemer education available to as many students as possible is urgent, and we look forward to sharing with many other supporters the opportunity to advance our mission of equipping students for lives of leadership and service." ■

## TEEFING-UP FOR STUDENTS

The second Redeemer Foundation Open Golf Tournament will take place at Copetown Woods Golf Course on Wednesday, July 25. Last year, the tournament raised over \$35,000 to support the Foundation's scholarship programs for Redeemer students.

If you would like to support Redeemer students by playing in or by being a sponsor for the tournament, please contact the Foundation at 905.648.2139 x4268, or check out [www.redeemer.ca/golf](http://www.redeemer.ca/golf).



We look forward to seeing you there!



## A Night of Remembering

By Lisa Schuurman

On May 29, Redeemer rolled out the red carpet to host the Canadian premiere of *The Reckoning: Remembering the Dutch Resistance*, a documentary film featuring the stories of six survivors from war-torn Netherlands.

For many of the more than 860 movie-goers who packed the Redeemer Auditorium, the film was a very emotional experience. John Evans, Creative Director of Storytelling Pictures and the film's producer, noted while addressing the audience that more than 70 hours of footage had been edited to a 90-minute movie. "There are more stories...than we're able to tell; it's our hope that the film has captured the essence of the Dutch Resistance, the war, the Jewish persecution and the Holocaust."

Two people featured in the film – Diet Eman, author of the book *Things We Couldn't Say*, and former Hamiltonian John Knight – were present at the showing and received standing ovations when introduced afterwards. Father of a Redeemer graduate, John Knight was a young boy during the war and, in the film, gives an eyewitness account of some of the activities of his father's group of resistance workers.

After the screening, many of the guests related their own stories or reflected on the movie at a reception sponsored in part by the Consulate General of the Netherlands.

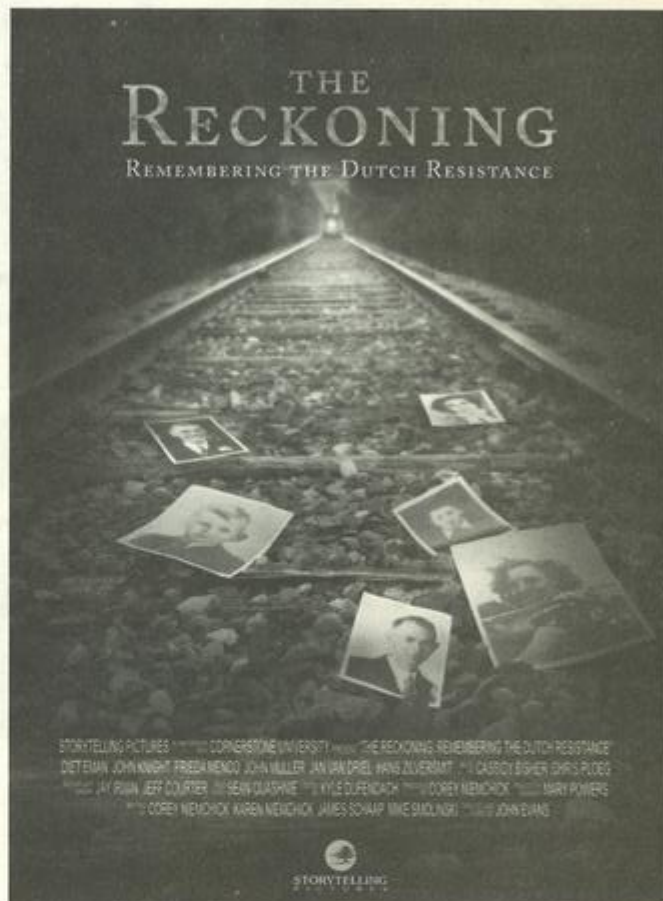
"We are especially grateful for the support of many individuals and businesses who made this presentation of *The Reckoning* possible," says Redeemer's Vice President, Advancement, Bill van Staalduinen. "Redeemer is proud to bring this film to a Canadian audience."

## Celebrating the Psalms

*Psalms of Lament & Psalms of Rejoicing* was the theme for this year's Milk and Honey Festival, which welcomed seventy-one guests for a week of outings, lectures and fellowship.

Dr. Bert Polman from Calvin College (and former Professor of Music at Redeemer) spoke about the literary features and imagery found in the Psalms. Professor Ray Louter, Associate Professor of Theatre Arts and Communication at Redeemer, emphasized how the Psalms reflect God's reign over creation.

Beyond the daily lectures, there were a number of other activities, such as a one-man play performed by Redeemer alumnus



Plans to show *The Reckoning* at other venues across Canada and the United States are in the works. A DVD version of the movie is available for purchase from the Redeemer Campus Bookstore. ■

Lisa Schuurman served as Redeemer's Events Coordinator for this project.

Joel Bootsma, and the Canadian premiere of the film *The Reckoning* (see related article). This year's outings included trips to the Warplane Heritage Museum, and to Niagara-on-the-Lake for a performance at the Shaw Festival followed by dinner at Queenston Heights.

Rev. Dr. Henry De Bolster, the founder of the Milk and Honey Festival, announced that he will be retiring as the Milk and Honey President after 19 years. He does, however, plan to return next year to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Festival. We look forward to seeing many other Milk and Honey friends next year as well! ■



## Discerning God's call

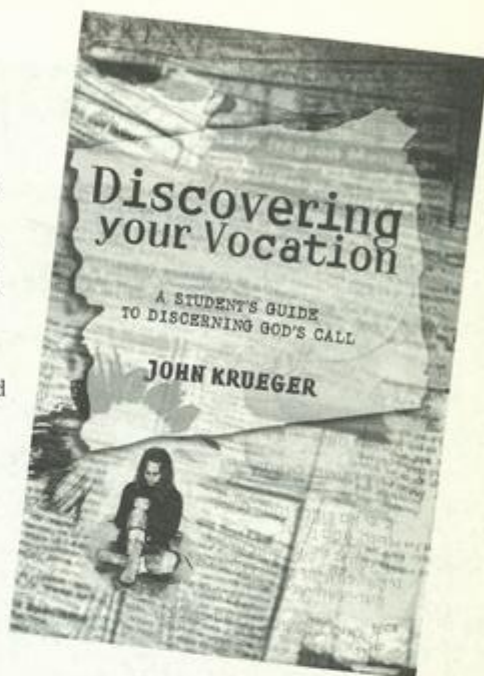
New edition of popular book on career discovery released

A new edition of *Discovering Your Vocation*, John Krueger's award-winning book on helping students serve God and find job satisfaction, is about to be released.

Krueger, a career counsellor at Redeemer, notes in the book that "The most satisfied employees are those who are content with their pay, have freedom to express their gifts, and feel they are serving others in a meaningful way. These people are not just earning a living; their vocation gives them life. We find joy in our vocation when biblical truth shapes our desires. We find contentment when we make choices in accord with who we are and what God has designed us to do."

This new book is a fully revised and expanded edition of the original *Discovering Your Vocation*, which won the God Uses Ink award sponsored by *Faith Today* magazine. This edition also introduces readers to a process called *Career Discovery*, which helps students discern the academic major for which they are best suited, and realistic career options. It promotes student responsibility, recognizing that no career test, counsellor, or book can replace the need for an active career quest. The book uses several objective techniques, along with a strong reflective component to help students gain a clarified vision of their future.

*Discovering Your Vocation* will be available later this summer from the Redeemer Campus Bookstore. ■



## Symposium on religious schools draws wide spectrum of voices

By Steve Sider

On May 10, more than 70 educational leaders from across Ontario came together for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Education Symposium at Redeemer. The topic of this year's symposium was "Private religiously-defined (independent) schools in Ontario: The spectrum of schools, their supporters, and reasons for choosing."

The presenters included Prof. Deani Van Pelt of Redeemer University College, as well as Prof. Patricia Allison and Dr. Derek Allison, both of The University of Western Ontario. They are the researchers and authors of the most comprehensive study of independent schools done in Ontario.

The researchers mapped the "landscape" of religious, independent schools in the province, the demographics of the parents who choose them, and their reasons for doing so. The study is available at: <http://www.fraserinstitute.ca/shared/readmore>.

Although the focus of the symposium was on independent religious schools and the parents who choose them, the report also provides excellent insight into independent schools which would not be primarily defined as religious. Drawing on Statistics Canada data the demographics of parents who choose independent schools are

compared with those of parents who choose publicly funded schools for their children.

Responses by Mr. Patrick Daly, chair of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board, and Dr. Adrian Guldmond, Executive Director of the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools gave an opportunity to consider the presentations from different perspectives.

A period of questions and dialogue provided an opportunity for all participants to be engaged in the symposium. The audience, which included representatives from a number of faith-based school systems, appeared to enthusiastically support the findings of the report and the manner in which it was presented. Many comments focused on the scholarship and rigour of the study. The results of the study will be presented at a number of other academic conferences in the ensuing months.

An education symposium is planned again for next spring. To be placed on a list-serve for the symposium please email [edsymposium@redeemer.ca](mailto:edsymposium@redeemer.ca) ■

Dr. Steve Sider is Associate Professor of Education and Director of Teacher Education at Redeemer.



# WHO DO THEY SAY THAT I AM?

## Communication plan aims to strengthen Redeemer's message

**W**hat does a prospective student think when she hears "Redeemer University College?" What does it mean to a donor? Does the term mean something completely different for a vendor that supplies the institution or for someone who lives in the neighbourhood behind the campus?

One of an institution's most prized possessions is its brand – its reputation, or the promises that are inherent to its name. Companies like Disney, McDonalds and Coca-Cola spend billions of dollars each year to support their brand because they realize just how important it is to have, as they used to say, "a good name." Although the scale and scope are different, Redeemer also affects its brand with every message and interaction it has with its various constituencies.

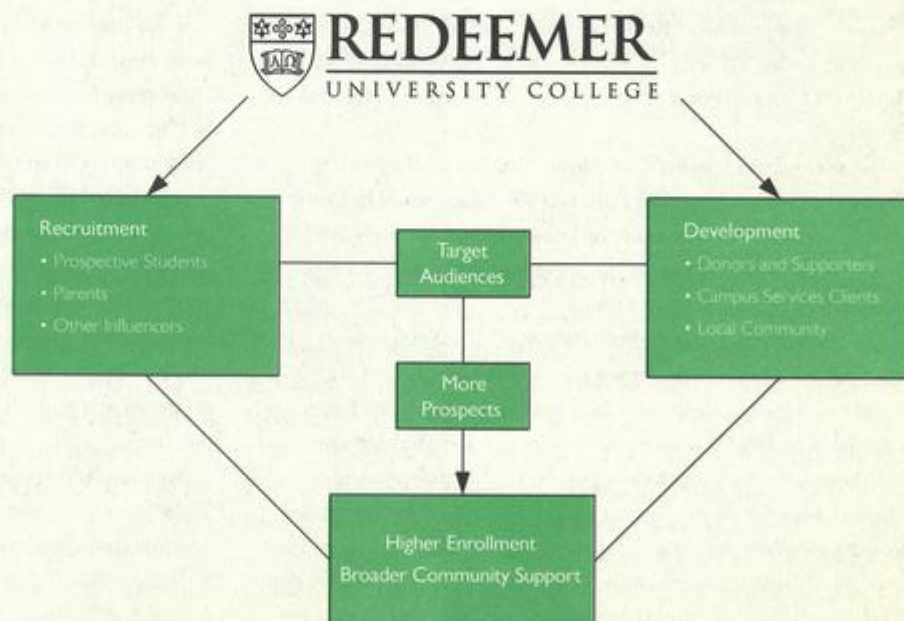
Recognizing that there are ways that it can better market itself, Redeemer University College has undergone a comprehensive review of all of its marketing, communications and promotional activities. The goal of this project is to coalesce all these activities into a comprehensive, cohesive marketing plan to enhance community recognition, build donor support and increase student enrolment.

Using wide-ranging market research and utilizing a number of highly-respected consultants, the Integrated Marketing Team (IMT) has made a number of recommendations to not only develop and define the promise inherent in our brand, but also to improve the way that Redeemer communicates that message. Although some of the details relating to its implementation are still to be worked out, a number of initiatives have already begun:

- » Redeemer's website, its "window on the world," is being redesigned;
- » A Visual Identity Style Guide is being produced, to ensure consistency in the way we present ourselves;
- » An annual communications plan, focusing on strategic goals, is being developed;

- » Possible new markets, such as the Chinese and Korean Christian communities, are being explored to identify enrolment potential;
- » A new position – Senior Director, Marketing and Communications – has been created to oversee all brand-related and marketing functions at Redeemer.

"The marketing strategy that has been put forth by the IMT is designed to communicate a more robust brand promise to targeted audiences so that we can increase enrolment and broaden community support and participation," notes Bill van Staaldin, Vice President, Advancement. "Marketing and branding need to be seen as positive concepts; Redeemer is not





"selling out" to market forces or anything like that. With this work, we are simply ensuring that we can most effectively share our message with potential students and other constituents. Those who are familiar with Redeemer know that God has given us something special here; we want the rest of the world to know about it as well."

This fall, Redeemer will be "rolling out" two new items that are a direct result of the IMT's work.

The first is a refreshed version of Redeemer's logo (a full-colour version is seen on the front cover). Developed by Petra Zantingh, a graphic designer and part-time Art Instructor at Redeemer, the updated logo emphasizes the institutional name, and reinforces the name as part of the brand. The new arrangement – with Redeemer on top of the yellow line and the University College in upper case under the line – creates a strong design that is uncluttered and organized.

After a series of focus sessions with a variety of constituent groups, Redeemer University College has also adopted a new tagline: DISCOVER ALL THINGS IN HIM. Jill Malleck a consultant with Epiphany at Work, helped guide Redeemer through the process of developing the tagline. She notes that "All [the constituent] groups were drawn to it – it is active, thought-provoking and can work as an introductory insight leading into more specific brand promises for specific areas." ■

## Three Inducted to Hall of Fame

In a ceremony earlier this month, Professor of Physical Education Dr. John Byl and two Redeemer alumni, Colin de Raaf and Michelle Van Berkel, were honoured through being inducted into the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) Hall of Fame.

Dr. Byl was recognized for his work as chairperson and vice-president of the Ontario Colleges Committee on Campus Recreation as well as his work with the OCAA on intramurals.

Colin de Raaf '02 was honoured as an athlete. Serving as captain of the Redeemer Royals men's volleyball team from 1998-2002, Colin was a powerful force on the court. He became an Academic All-Canadian and league all-star for his prowess, and finished as the OCAA's career leader in total points and kills, and fourth in career service aces.

Michelle Van Berkel '00 was also recognized for her brilliant athletic career from 1996-2000, which was highlighted by Michelle being the West Regional scoring champion in 1999. Michelle finished her career as the OCAA leader in stuff blocks, and second in career kills and total points.

These three join fellow Redeemer graduates Terry Talsma '95 and Tracy Van Dijk '93 as members of the OCAA Hall of Fame. For more information about the Hall of Fame, visit [www.ocaa.com/fame/home](http://www.ocaa.com/fame/home).



Dr. John Byl, Colin de Raaf and Michelle Van Berkel





# A commitment to community

Redeemer alumni, faculty and students take active role in addressing Hamilton's needs.



**B**easley Park is located at the corner of Wilson and Catherine Streets in downtown Hamilton. As is typical of most inner city public spaces, it is covered in graffiti; what's not typical about Beasley is that the spray-painted artistry is on a mural that stretches for more than 30 feet, and that it was done not just with the cooperation, but also with the encouragement and support of the police and the community.

One of the organizers of this urban artwork is Betty Broersma Brouwer '88, the Founder and Artistic Director of RE-create ([www.re-create.ca](http://www.re-create.ca)), an organization dedicated to changing the lives of street youth through art. In early 2006, she was approached about becoming involved in reviving the park by a former RE-create participant (and summer employee) who now serves on the Graffiti Prevention Strategy Team (GPST, an initiative of the Hamilton Police Service). Using donated materials and the skills of about 20 young street artists, Brouwer, along with Paul Terpstra, a Redeemer student working at RE-create for the summer, oversaw the painting of the park's decrepit old mural. The project was so well-received that RE-create will be teaming up with GPST again this summer to do another mural, and to organize a Community Spray-Off, a competition for young graffiti artists.

Operating out of the building that houses Living Rock Ministries in downtown Hamilton, RE-create works with a number of local businesses, churches, schools and individuals to facilitate social change. "Many of the young people that we work with are creative, but they need a space to express themselves," notes Brouwer. "Through their art, they experience success, which in turn gives them the self-confidence to see their potential, not just for



employment opportunities, but in all of life."

Brouwer's involvement is just one example of the growing number of ways that the Redeemer community has become active throughout greater Hamilton. For alumni, staff and faculty – those who live and work in the city – Hamilton is their home, its residents, their neighbours, and they have actively taken up the call to be salt and light in the community in which they have settled.

However, each year hundreds of Redeemer students also volunteer with a host of social service agencies in this city, the community they call home during their university years. For many students, service is not an extra-curricular activity – it's a way of life, a response to the call to work out their faith wherever they happen to be living.

When Robyn Hogan graduated this May, she was given the Faculty Award (see p. 4), in part for her involvement with a number of service organizations off-campus. As the Chair of Spiritual Activities and Services Committee (SASC) of the Student Senate, she also oversaw a number of volunteer projects. Much of this work was done in inner-city neighbourhoods by students, she says, "who want to bring God's love to people and be a light in a community that is so stricken by poverty."

"Being at Redeemer can be so safe and secure; everybody is a Christian," notes Hogan. But she also notes that it is this same faith that drives students into action: "Getting out in the community allows us to put our faith into action and be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community." But to truly have an impact, to be – as President Cooper describes – "an agent of reconciliation," requires more than just showing up with a willingness to work. It also requires a desire to actively engage people in their community, and the ability to not see those whom they are serving as "projects."

"We need to meet other people [to] better understand their culture," explains Hogan. "It would be very difficult to understand what is happening in the world, their world, without experiencing it. Only then can we do something to make a positive difference." Mark DeVos, a second year student from Cambridge, ON recognized this when he organized a one week "mission trip" to Hamilton during Reading Week this past February. The students who participated in the trip helped out at various inner city

ministries, and even lived downtown for the week.

Beyond being a presence, developing relationships – becoming a familiar face in the community – is perhaps even more important. For several years, Hogan was active in Kids Club and Teen Club, programs hosted at several inner-city churches, but organized and led by Redeemer students. Each week, dozens of Redeemer students would meet with neighbourhood kids to do crafts, play games and sports, and read a Bible story. Over time, they created a positive environment for the children and teens, many of whom come from broken families. "These kids look forward to club every week as a place of acceptance, peace and love," she says. "It has a very large impact on their lives."



*Redeemer students were among the hundreds of young people who participated in Cross Culture, a one-day service project. They volunteered their time at a number of mission and service organizations across Hamilton.*

Redeemer's Chaplain, Dr. Syd Hielema, echoes the importance of developing relationships through the on-going, regular service activities that many students are engaged in. Hielema, who came to Redeemer this past fall, has been "blown away" by the passion and ability of the student leaders with whom he has worked. "I'm just starting to get to know the community," he says, "but our students are incredibly plugged in to what is going on in, and the needs of, Hamilton. They realize the impact that they can have for Christ in the city."

This past January, many of the needs of the community – and opportunities to address them – were highlighted during Social Justice Week. Organized by a committee of student

leaders, Dr. Hielema and the Student Life Department, the goal of the many events that took place that week was to develop a culture that responds to "God's call for us to be loving agents of justice in this hurting world."

Social Justice Week was anchored by two chapel services and a Church in the Box service. This focus on worship was intentional: "The heart of worship wakes up the people of God to the need to be shalom to a broken world," says Hielema. In fact, Hielema planned every Chapel service this past year to be, if not a clarion call to social activism, at least "to be in harmony with the call to justice."

Social justice is not something that happens just *out there* either: "There needs to be a consistency in how we experience and address brokenness, on campus and beyond," says Hielema. "We can't simply ignore the way that we treat each other, or have different



Beyond addressing immediate needs, becoming involved with community on an on-going basis is, as Hogan describes, "a very powerful way to impact lives and share the message of the gospel with kids who often do not know about God."

Eric O'Neil, a fourth-year student from Wingham, ON, can attest to that. He was part of a group of Residence Advisors running an outreach program at Wentworth Baptist Church in Hamilton. This past October, a woman brought her daughter to an alternative Halloween event for children that the group was hosting at the church. O'Neil says that although it was the first time ever at the church, "she encountered Christ in the people she met that night and in the willingness of the church community to reach out into the neighbourhood on what can be a very dark night."

In June, seven months after that encounter, the woman was baptized. She identifies that Halloween evening as the night when she made the choice to begin to follow Christ. In sharing this news with his fellow RAs and Student Life staff, Eric wrote: "Thanks for making yourselves available that night, and praise God for His faithfulness and willingness to work in and through each of us."

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expectations for people depending on where or how they live." As such, he sees his primary calling to be the nurturing of a campus-wide "ethos of service," so that all members of the Redeemer community can be lights in the darkness.

Robyn Hogan is looking forward to seeing just how God will use these shalom-bearing Redeemerites. She is pleased with the way that the institution supports so many of

these initiatives, and with the outward focus that Student Senate has taken, especially through the Spiritual Activities and Services Committee. "With so many Christian students in one spot, we have an amazing opportunity to make a HUGE difference in the city of Hamilton for God. It's exciting and encouraging to see that giving up just a little bit of our time is changing things in Hamilton by impacting one life at a time." ■

Redeemer is home to more than 800 students, many of whom move here from outside the Hamilton area. They also have varied interests: some are interested in working with children, others in poverty relief, health care or environmental initiatives.

**Help to Others (H<sub>2</sub>O)**, an initiative organized by the Student Life Department, contacts area agencies and neighbourhood groups to identify ways Redeemer students can address needs in the community. By creating a database of opportunities, students can identify the areas of service that are best suited to their strengths and interests. H<sub>2</sub>O also provides service organizations and charities a central place to recruit volunteers. These are just some of the volunteer activities that Redeemer students have been involved with in the greater Hamilton area over the last few years. ■

## Programs for Children and Youth

- City Kidz
- The Rock
- Young Life
- Hughson St. Baptist Church
- Kids' Club

## Food Distribution

- Wesley Urban Ministries
- Neighbour to Neighbour
- Hamilton Food Share
- Olive Branch

## Working with Seniors

- Wellington Home
- St. Peter's Seniors Home
- Senior: Impact (VersaCare)

## Health Care Support

- Cancer Assistance Program
- Alzheimer's Society
- Hamilton AIDS Network
- Ronald McDonald House

## Working with the Developmentally Challenged

- Homestead Christian Care
- Christian Horizons

## Other

- Habitat for Humanity
- ERDO (Emergency Relief Development Organization)
- Prison Outreach (Wentworth Detention Centre)
- Environmental Initiatives
- Kitty Murray Clean-up
- Green Team (environment club)







The Spiritual Activities and Services Committee of Student Senate was involved in a number of off-campus volunteer activities.

## Service in the service of research

Whether as part of their research, as an extension of their interests, or as an expression of their faithful service, Redeemer faculty have also been active in serving the city of Hamilton and its residents.

**Dr. John Byl**, Professor of Physical Education, has long been an advocate for sports and recreation opportunities. In 2004, he worked with SportHamilton and Settlement and Immigration Services

Organization (SISO) to secure a grant to fund a summer soccer league for immigrant children, complete with uniforms, officiating, and equipment. Another grant in 2005 allowed him to develop an active after school program for immigrant children. Two Redeemer students – Julie Zantingh and Darren Sinke – were hired to run this program, which was housed at the Bennetto Community Centre in north-end Hamilton.

After introducing the project in one downtown school last year, **Dr. Steve Sider**,

Assistant Professor of Education, expanded his MVP Reading Support Program to three other schools this year. The program is an option for students in the Reading Problems and Remediation course. Redeemer students work with Literacy Improvement Team teachers in the schools in a variety of ways to improve reading skills and strategies. The program also provides Redeemer students with the opportunity to be involved in the diverse communities that comprise inner-city schools.

Last year's Storytelling Project was an initiative of Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts **Sharon Klassen** and former Assistant Professor of Education **Dr. Johanna Kuyvenhoven**. With the help of several Redeemer students, students at Queen Mary School were encouraged to write stories, either from personal or family history, from their imaginations, or from their own cultures, and eventually share them with their classmates. Through this, the students, many of whom came from immigrant families that did not speak English, were able to develop their literacy skills. ■

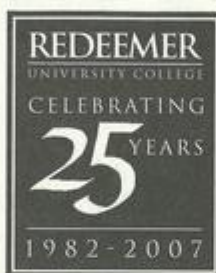
During her time at Teen Club, Robyn Hogan (centre) developed relationships with a number of young people in downtown Hamilton.







# REDEEMER TO CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS



The start of the next academic year will mark a milestone in Redeemer's history -- it was in September 1982 when Redeemer opened its doors to students for the first time. In that Pioneer Year, the campus consisted of a former elementary school on Hamilton's Beach Strip and rented townhouses on Francis Road in Burlington. There were eight full-time faculty members and ninety-seven students that first year, but they were backed by a broad community of supporters who were committed to the creation of a Christian university in Ontario.

Beyond that community support, Redeemer was, and remains, dependent on God's rich provision. We understand that none of what Redeemer has grown to -- 2700 alumni, 45 tenured faculty and a growing recognition of academic excellence -- would be possible without His blessings, which are evident in so many ways.

At various points throughout the academic year we will recognize this event, but we would like to invite our entire support community -- all those who have walked with

and supported Redeemer through the years -- to join us in celebrating a quarter-century of God's great faithfulness.

On **Saturday, September 29, 2007 at 3:00 pm**, Redeemer will host a Celebration Service in the Auditorium, where we will commemorate where we have been, give thanks for where we are, and look forward in anticipation to where God will bring us next.

Whether you have been part of Redeemer since the days of the Ontario Christian College Association (the organizing committee that preceded Redeemer), or have just become part of this community, we invite you to share in this celebration. Either way, we warmly welcome you to join us in giving thanks to God for the wondrous goodness that He has shown to Redeemer. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Please refer to Redeemer's website ([www.redeemer.ca](http://www.redeemer.ca)) for details as they become available, or for more information, please contact the Alumni and Community Relations Office by phone (905.648.2139 x4292) or email: [acr@redeemer.ca](mailto:acr@redeemer.ca). ■

## A DAY FOR REMEMBERING

Besides the Celebration Service, to which everyone is invited, there are a number of other activities that will take place on Saturday, September 29. These are by invitation only:

11:30	Annual General Meeting Registration & Reception
12:00-1:30	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon
1:45 - 2:45	Annual General Meeting
3:00 - 5:00	Celebration Service
5:00 - 6:00	Coffee & Cake Reception
6:30 - 9:00	Alumni Homecoming Celebration (see p. 24)

## PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATION

The history of Redeemer's first twenty-five years is an incredible story, one that is woven not only from the experiences of students and faculty, but also of the parents, friends and other supporters of the institution.

We would like to invite you to share your memories of Redeemer's history. As many of our founding supporters -- those who had the dream of a Christian university in Ontario, and who made the sacrifice to see it come to fruition -- pass into glory, we would like to collect and record some of their experiences.

If you have an interesting story about Redeemer, especially from those early days of the institution, we would love to hear it, and share it with others.

Please send your recollections to the Alumni and Community Relations Office, either by email: [acr@redeemer.ca](mailto:acr@redeemer.ca), or by mail: 777 Garner Rd. E., Ancaster, ON, L9K 1J4. One possibility is to make the stories available as a booklet, or post them on the web. We may also try to incorporate them into the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. Please submit your story by September 1, 2007.

We are also looking for photos and other memorabilia (have any of that fashionable old Redeemer-wear hanging around?) that we might use on displays on the day of the Celebration Service. If so, please contact the Alumni and Community Relations Office. We promise to return it!





## Redeemer bids farewell to a number of faculty members

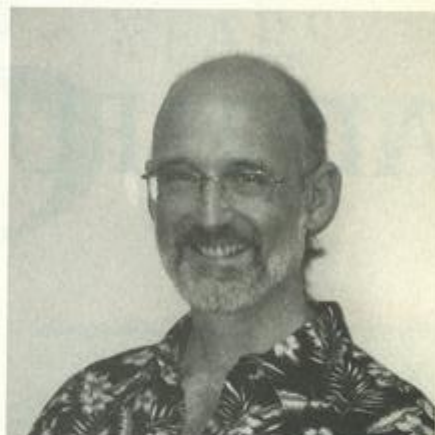
As one of Redeemer's pioneer faculty members, Dr. Wytse (Vince) van Dijk has had a significant impact on Redeemer's sciences division as well as the institution as a whole.

While on faculty at Dordt College in Iowa, van Dijk accepted an appointment to teach at the then-unopened Redeemer College. He has not only taught physics and mathematics at Redeemer for 25 years, he has also maintained an appointment as Adjunct Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at McMaster University in Hamilton. Van Dijk has enjoyed working with students while being able to continue his research at McMaster, leading a life of what he calls "pleasant rhythm": teaching, research, and vacation. After retirement, van Dijk plans to continue his research both locally and globally, as well as teaching part-time at Redeemer.

Van Dijk helped establish the science program, affirming Redeemer's dedication to the sciences as well as the arts. Dr. Kevin VanderMeulen, Chair of the Mathematics Department, notes that "As one of Redeemer's pioneer faculty members, Dr. van Dijk has, in many ways, shaped and defined the mathematical and physical sciences at Redeemer. His dedication and wisdom will be greatly missed."

In 1988, Dr. Wayne Norman also came to Redeemer from Iowa, where he had been teaching at Northwestern College. An experimental psychologist, Dr. Norman's expertise complemented the department, allowing it to modify the curriculum to better prepare students for graduate school.

In early 2003, Dr. Norman took on the role of Director of Research & Faculty Development. During his time at Redeemer, Dr. Norman has embraced his



Dr. Wytse (Vince) van Dijk (left) and Dr. Wayne Norman (right) are retiring this year from full-time work at Redeemer.

role as facilitator and encourager of all scholarly activity: cutting-edge research, pedagogical enhancement, and professional development. While Norman is retiring, he plans to remain active, both within his neighbouring community as well as at Redeemer. He and his wife Bobbi are also looking forward to traveling to Australia and the Czech Republic, where one of their sons is studying.

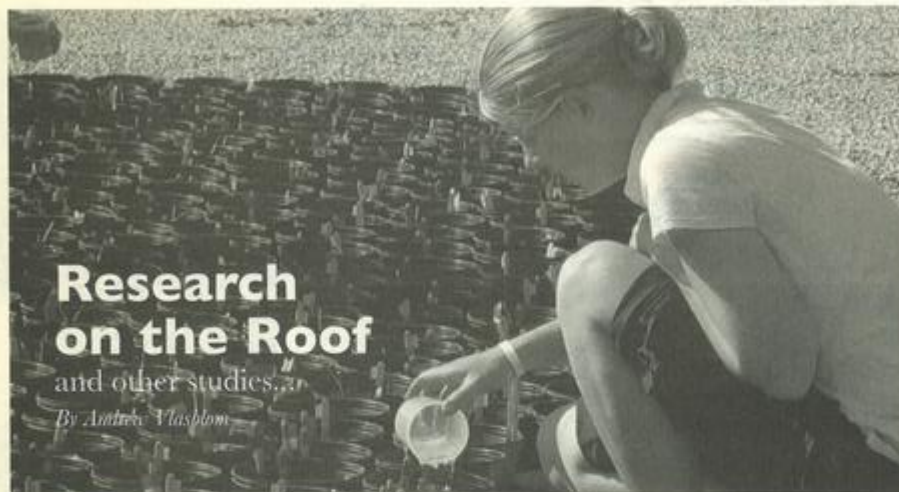
Dr. Douglas Needham, Dean of Sciences and Social Sciences and colleague of Dr. Norman in the Department of Psychology, remarks that "Wayne has made a lasting impact on the Psychology Department at Redeemer and its students. In addition to shaping the curriculum of the department, he has shaped the minds and lives of countless students. He will be missed by his colleagues in the department very much." ■

Beyond Drs. Norman and van Dijk, a number of other faculty have left Redeemer this past year:

- » Dr. Johanna Kuyvenhoven, Assistant Professor of Education, has taken a position at Calvin College;
- » Dr. Darren Provost and Dr. Norman Fennema, both Assistant Professors of History, have returned to western Canada to be nearer to their respective families;
- » Due to changes within the Sciences Division, Dr. Mark Lambert, Sessional Associate Professor of Mathematics & Physics, did not have his appointment extended to the next academic year.

Redeemer University College thanks those who have served the institution and its students with their teaching and research. We wish all of them God's richest blessings as they continue to serve Him in other endeavours.





## Research on the Roof and other studies...

By Andrew Vlasblom

As a full-time Associate Professor of Environmental Science during the academic year and scientific researcher during the summer, Dr. Edward Berkelaar's organic plate is consistently full. This summer, this trend continues, as he invests in inquiries, internships, and investigations into the state of our environment.

One of Dr. Berkelaar's summer projects involves growing samples of wheat and canola on the roof of Redeemer's academic building. Funded in part by the Metals in the Human Environment Research Network ([www.mithe-rn.org](http://www.mithe-rn.org)), the primary objective behind this experiment is to determine the amounts of thallium (a potentially toxic metal) and selenium (an essential dietary mineral) that are taken up by plants growing in soil containing trace amounts of these elements. The two tons of soil used for the experiments were carried, by hand, from a nearby field to the top of Redeemer's roof by Berkelaar and his summer research students.

Dr. Berkelaar has hired a number of students for the summer to assist with this and other research projects. More than merely pack mules for hauling dirt, these Redeemer science majors offer invaluable assistance with his research. Berkelaar sees the summer internship program as mutually beneficial: he benefits from their

assistance, while the students receive hands-on experience in scientific research, giving them the chance to test the waters and ask themselves: "Would I want to do a masters degree in the sciences?"

The students themselves are ecstatic about the opportunity to conduct research. Amy Koopmans, who is conducting an hydroponic plant growth experiment, testifies, "To know that I'm a contributing member [to research] is amazing." Julie Kikkert (pictured above), who is heavily involved with the roof project, notes, "It's awesome to be able to realize our potential and grow the gifts that God's given to us." As for working with Dr. Berkelaar, the students are overwhelmingly positive. "If we want his help, he's there, and he'll get dirty with us," wheat researcher Leanne Kersbergen says. "It's just a great experience," relates electrode researcher James Harskamp.

Dr. Berkelaar's inspiration for research stems from his love for learning about and protecting God's creation: as he professes, "Everything in creation has its own purpose." More information about this and other science department research can be found at <http://redeemer.ca/academics/science/>. ■

*Andrew Vlasblom is a second-year English and Theatre Arts major from Simcoe, ON.*

## External Funding Supports Research

The students involved with Dr. Berkelaar's experiments are being paid through grants awarded by the National Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), a federal program that supports research, in part, through partnerships among universities, governments and the private sector. Redeemer faculty have been able to secure funding from NSERC for a record number of students this year. Beyond Dr. Berkelaar's staff, these students are working on research projects with professors because of NSERC funding:

- » Matthew West, "Time evolution of quantum systems;" supervised by Dr. Wytse van Dijk, Professor of Physics and Mathematics.
- » Timothy Ubbens, "Computer Vision for Mobile Robots;" supervised by Dr. Derek Schuurman, Assistant Professor of Computer Science.
- » Loretta Vanderspek, "Elementary symmetric functions and inertia;" supervised by Dr. Kevin Vander Meulen, Associate Professor of Mathematics

Also, two students are working at Redeemer this summer through funding made available by the CanadaWorks program of Human Resources Development Canada. Jeremy Burns is doing research with Professor of Biology Dr. Gary Chiang, and Laura Brunsting is helping Adjunct Lecturer in Biology Jennifer Chiang with her science education program and in developing a pilot science camp. ■



# A personal approach to popular culture

Visitors and class trips to enhance course content



Whoever thinks that academic life has little connection to "the real world" should spend some time in Dr. Timothy Epp's Interdisciplinary Class "Popular Culture." Dr. Epp, Assistant Professor of Sociology, has taken his own keen interest in music, movies and the arts and developed a course that examines how the nature of popular culture is shaped by mass media organizations and how popular culture, in turn, shapes the mass media, our perception of ourselves, and society.

As part of this year's course, independent musician Miranda Stone spoke to the class about her life as an 'indie' musician, and former Montreal Expo Manager Jim Fanning visited the class to talk about being a Christian in major league sports. Even though most of them hadn't heard of either Miranda or Jim before, Dr. Epp notes that "students responded well to these visitors, and asked some good questions."

The class also went on a trip to the CBC-TV studios in Toronto for a taping of 'The Hour' with George Strombopolous. "That was a great success," says Dr. Epp. "George took the time to talk with us before and after the show, and he seemed open to some of the faith-laced questions that we had."

Dr. Epp will be offering the course again next year, and is already working on lining up other pop culture figures, like Juno-award winning musician Stephen Fearing, to visit. Through the visits, visitors and course material, Dr. Epp hopes to encourage students to explore and critique their culture. ■

Dr. Timothy Epp (fourth from the right) and members of his Popular Culture class were warmly welcomed to "The Hour" by host George Strombopolous (on Dr. Epp's right).



## Agricultural Development and Environmental Sustainability

*By Dr. Edward Berkelaar, Associate Professor of Environmental Science and Chemistry*

For as long as I can remember, I have been interested in plants. I grew up on a farm in rural Nova Scotia, where I helped raise cattle and grow vegetables – onions, sweet corn, and lettuce. I have seen piles of onions that would more than fill an average-sized garage. It was at university, where I studied biology and chemistry, plant science and environmental toxicology, that my interest in environmental issues grew.

After receiving my PhD, my wife Dawn and I moved to Florida where we worked for three years at a Christian non-profit organization called ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization). As an organization, ECHO provides ideas, training, information, and seeds critical to those working in agricultural development in third world countries. ECHO directs its efforts to helping the poorest of the poor; while working there, we strove to find, test, and share ideas that could be implemented at minimal cost to farmers. ECHO's ministry appealed to us because its focus was on the poor; we thought that getting involved in ECHO was a way to make a difference using the gifts God has given us.

Now I teach environmental science courses here at Redeemer, doing another job that I love. My background (farming, graduate studies, and time at ECHO) has given me a diverse set of experiences that I regularly refer to in my classes, and has shown me an interesting dilemma with which I frequently wrestle with, along with my students. It seems pretty clear to me that, from an environmental perspective,

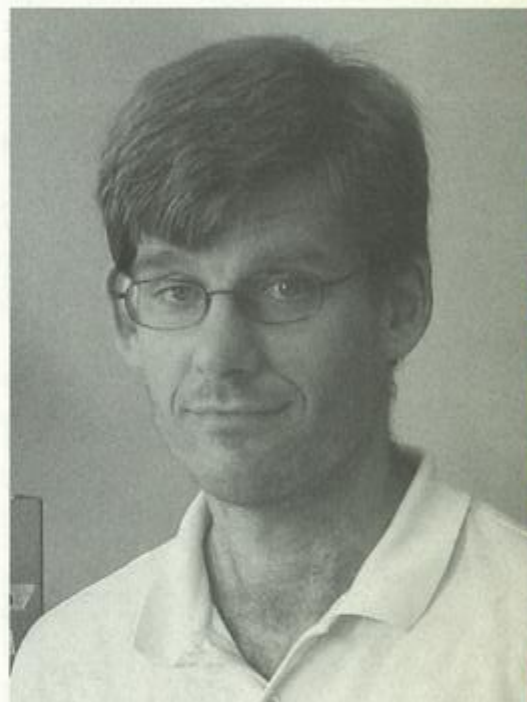
our earth is under strain. Especially in the developed world, we are consuming resources at an extremely rapid rate. Our air, soil and water are contaminated with chemicals we release into the environment, and our use of fossil fuels is contributing to climate change.

On the other hand, many on this planet lack sufficient food and shelter, education and proper medical care. We must love these people and live in ways that they too can live, both by supporting development efforts, and by not over-consuming resources as we live our lives. I wonder particularly about what will happen to our environment as people in parts of Asia (especially China and India - home to about one third of the world's population) and Africa begin to live as we do. I find it difficult to imagine the state of the global environment if everyone lived as we do.

In order to truly show God's love to the poorer people of the world, we need to find ways that allow their standard of living to improve while at the same time making changes to the way we live. The Christian liberal arts and science environment at Redeemer has been a great place for my students and me to foster discussions on these challenging and complex issues. ■

(TOP) Dr. Edward Berkelaar, Associate Professor of Environmental Science and Chemistry

NSERC-funded summer research students James Harskamp and Leanne Kroesbergen are helping Dr. Berkelaar grow plants on Redeemer's roof.





### Student Leaders Recognized

**D**uring April's Closing Convocation, Mr. Fred Schat, Dean of Students, announced the recipients of this year's Student Life Award. The Student Life Department has given this award to student leaders who have a positive influence and are respected by peers, faculty and staff. In choosing the recipients of this award, Student Life weighs the involvements, attitudes, and commitments of the nominees. Candidates must exemplify a Christian commitment, academic diligence and involvement in extra-curricular activities.

One male and one female are given the award annually. This year's female recipient was Rachel de Groot, a fourth-year Honours Kinesiology major from Sarnia, ON. Rachel captained both the indoor and outdoor varsity soccer teams and played a key role in organizing small groups for athletes, encouraging them to take their Christian walk seriously. An excellent student, she has also been a tireless volunteer in the community.

Darren Sinke was captain of the varsity indoor and outdoor soccer teams. A fourth-year Physical Education major from St. Catharines, ON, Darren participated in a wide range of school activities and was a vigorous promoter of chapel, intramurals and coffee-house. He has also mentored a number of students and was a strong support for his roommate, the dorm's Resident Advisor.

### Survey Says...

**R**edeemer University College distributes surveys each year asking students to evaluate their university experience. These surveys seek input on a wide range of topics, and the data collected is helpful in identifying areas of satisfaction and dissatisfaction for students. This past year, however, Redeemer students participated in no less than 5 separate surveys, some of which were part of national campaigns.

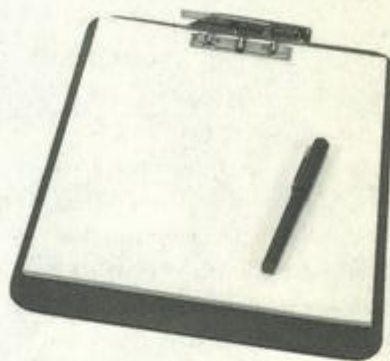
As part of the Integrated Marketing Team's work (see page 8), a number of Redeemer students were surveyed by Phase 5, a marketing firm based in Ottawa, as to their impressions of Redeemer and the way it markets itself.

Some students participated in surveys and focus groups for a research project sponsored by Christian Higher Education Canada (CHEC). A coalition of Bible colleges, seminaries and undergraduate universities across Canada, CHEC's mission is to advance Christian higher education, foster institutional cooperation, and raise public awareness of the value of Christian higher education in Canada. CHEC has engaged Ipsos Reid to help define the market for Christian higher education in Canada.

Perhaps as a sign of Redeemer's increasing acceptance and visibility among the broader university community, students also participated, for the first time, in a number of national studies that compare and measure their experiences with students from other private as well as publicly-funded institutions. For example, Redeemer was one of 25 colleges and universities to have first-year students complete a survey for the Canadian Undergraduate Survey Consortium (CUSC) on issues relating to student satisfaction of the university experience as well as financial aid and student debt.

All Redeemer students were also invited to complete a survey for the 2007 University Report Card. Published annually by *The Globe and Mail*, the Report Card will compare the experiences of Redeemer students to those at other institutions across Canada. This is the first time that Redeemer has participated in this survey, and we are looking forward to seeing the results when they are published this fall.

All of the information that arises from these surveys is important because it provides insight into how and where Redeemer can improve in the service it provides to students. It is also a barometer for where Redeemer stands vis-à-vis other institutions, which will help to shape the institution's marketing focus. ■





## BANQUET RECOGNIZES STUDENT ATHLETES

**T**he Annual Athletic Department Awards Banquet presents an opportunity for Redeemer to recognize outstanding athletic achievements, often by students who also maintain a stellar academic record. Although the focus is frequently on individuals, this is also an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of every varsity team and the student-athletes who compete on them.

### Some of the highlights from this year's banquet:

Twenty-one students received All-Academic awards from the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA). These are awarded to athletes who have participated in a varsity OCAA sport and have obtained honour list academic status.

Three students – **Kendall Straatsma**, **Rachel DeGroot** and **Rachel Rauwerda** – were given CCAA Academic All-Canadian Student Athlete Awards, which is awarded by the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association to students who have received honours recognition by their institution and who are league all-stars.

Most Valuable and Most Improved Player awards were given to athletes from each of the 10 varsity and 3 club teams.

**James Van Oosten** was named Intramural Player of the Year  
**Annette Van Soelen**, who works in Campus Services, was given the Active Lifestyle Award ■

Several varsity athletes were recognized by the OCAA as all-stars in their sports:

**Rachel DeGroot** - Women's Soccer

**Kendall Straatsma** - Women's Soccer

**Joel Van Andel** - Men's Soccer

**Dave DeVries** - Mens' Soccer

**Ryan Talsma** - 2nd Team All-Star Men's Volleyball

**Dave Berghout** - 1st Team All-Star Men's Volleyball

**Brad Douwes** - 2nd Team All-Star Men's Volleyball

**Julie Honig** - 2nd Team All-Star Women's Basketball

**Rachel Rauwerda** - All-Ontario Cross Country Team

The OCAA also recognized a number of athletes and coaches with other awards:

**Phoebe Mitton** - Rookie of the Year for Women's Soccer

**Ryan Talsma** - Rookie of the Year for Men's Volleyball

**Nathan Siebenga** - OCAA Coach of the Year for West Division

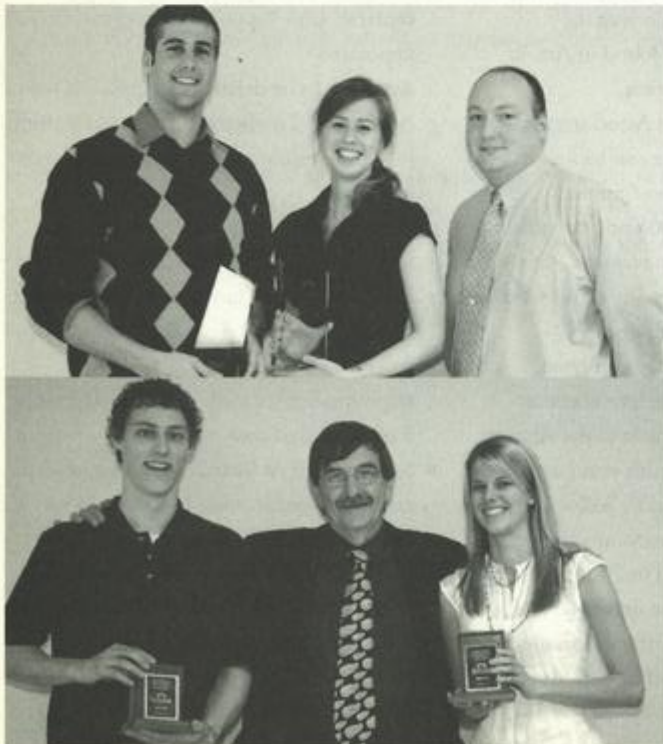
**Dave Berghout** - OCAA Athlete of the Week Jan 15-20

**Women's Volleyball** - OCAA Team of the Week Honour Award Jan 15-20

**Dave Berghout** - Scoring Champion, West Division

**Charis Byl** - OCAA Record for Most Service Aces in a season

Congratulations to all award winners!  
And thanks to all the coaches, Athletic Department staff and athletes – varsity, club and intramural – whose commitment to their sport enhance the entire Redeemer community.



(TOP) Standing here with Athletic Director Dave Mantel, Dave Berghout and Lydia Miedema were selected as the Male and Female Athletes of the Year.

(BOTTOM) Fred Schat, Dean of Students, presents Jon van der Heiden and Rachel Rauwerda with their awards for being chosen Scholar Athletes of the Year. This award is given by Redeemer University College to students who have excelled in academics and athletics.



**A**t this year's Commencement, Kevin Huinink '95, President of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, spoke a few words to the graduates on their new relationship with Redeemer:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Redeemer Alumni Association, I am delighted to be one of the first to congratulate you and welcome you into the Alumni Association.

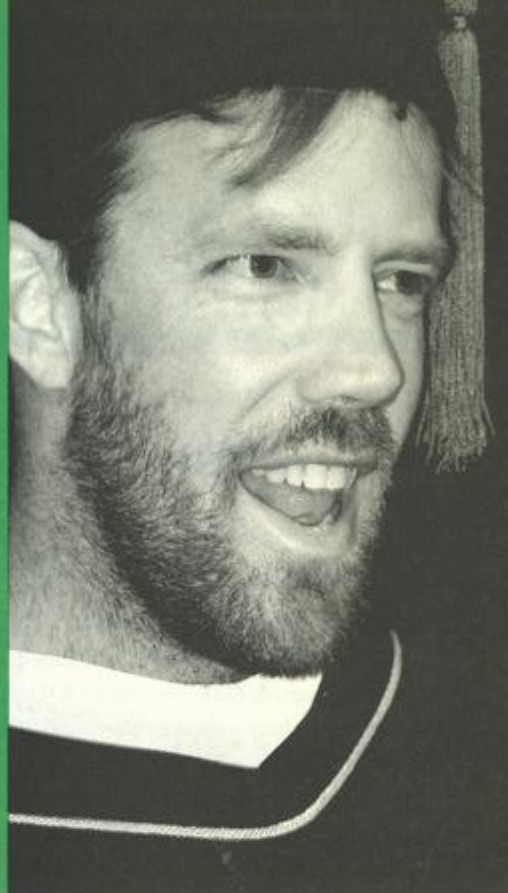
As we approach the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, you are the final graduating class to belong to the first quarter century of education at Redeemer University College. You share a common bond and heritage with the almost 2700 other former students of Redeemer University College: an

education – and experience – that proclaims Christ's Lordship over all creation.

We also welcome you to the responsibility of supporting and advancing the mission of this institution, just as the hundreds who have preceded you have helped equip you for lives of leadership and service.

As you leave this place, our prayer is that you will continue to seek to serve Him in the many ways and places that He will call you, and that you may continue to be a blessing to Redeemer University College. Congratulations, Class of 2007!

Kevin Huinink '95, President of the Alumni Association Board of Directors



## Board recommends constitutional change

**A**t its March 24 meeting, the Redeemer Alumni Association Board of Directors approved a motion to change the way the Board of Directors is selected. Currently, Members-at-Large and the Alumni Representative to the Senate are nominated and elected by the Association.

Although the Board does receive from time to time suggestions about potential nominees, elections have been very poorly contested, usually with only Board members casting ballots. Part of this is due to the relative unfamiliarity that most alumni have with nominees – outside of those with whom they actually studied, few alumni know anything about the nominees. It also prevented the Board from filling vacancies due to resignations that occurred mid-way through a Board member's term.

To streamline the procedure, and to do away with what has become a nearly irrelevant process, the Board is proposing a change to the Alumni Association's By-Laws that will allow the Board to appoint

nominees. The Board would still solicit nominations from the Membership; however, instead of putting a ballot in the June issue of *Images*, the Board would appoint the nominees, following the guidelines for diversity as found in Art. 2, Section 5 of the Constitution.

The Redeemer Alumni Association's Constitution and By-Laws can be found at <http://www.redeemer.ca/alumni/Constitution-September-2005.pdf>. Because changing the Constitution requires Membership approval, the Board presents the following for the Membership's consideration and action. If approved, these changes would come into effect on September 1, 2007. Elections to the Alumni Board will still take place this year (see p. xx).

On page xx, you will find a ballot and information on how to cast your vote on these proposed changes. The Alumni Board encourages you to become informed and involved with the work of the Association. It is a great way to serve, and be served by, the entire Redeemer community.

The specific changes would affect the following sections of the By-Laws:

- » Art. II, Section 4a and 4b, and Section 5b: "election" and "re-election" to be replaced with "appointed" and re-appointed"
- » Article 4: to be deleted and replaced with:
- » Section 1a: The Board shall publish a call for Board nominees in the February issue of *Images*.
- » Section 1b: All nominations are to be forwarded to the Board by May 1 each year
- » Section 2a: At its June meeting, the Board shall consider and rank all nominations received, in consideration of the requirements set forth in Article II Section 5 of these By-Laws.
- » Section 2b: The Board or its delegate shall contact all nominees as to their willingness and ability to serve on the Board.
- » Section 2c): The Board shall appoint, in order of rank, those nominees who express a willingness to serve on the Board.
- » Section 2d): The results shall be published in the June issue of *Images* ■



## Election for new Members of the Alumni Board

This year marks the end of service for a number of members of the Redeemer Alumni Association Board of Directors. On behalf of all alumni the Board thanks **Alma Rivera-Pittaway '92**, **Scott Zylstra '96** and **Erin Goheen '03** for their dedicated service to the Alumni Board. We also say farewell to **Heather Sinnema '99**, who has for six years served as the Alumni Representative to the Senate. Each of these persons has made substantial contributions to the work of the Alumni Association and to Redeemer as a whole, and we wish them the Lord's blessings in their future endeavours.

The following alumni have been nominated for election to the Board. Alumni are asked to approve these names and return their signed ballot (at right) to the Alumni Office by **September 1, 2007**.

### For Member-at-Large:

- » **Jennifer Dykhous Adema** graduated in 2000 with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Bachelor of Christian Education. She lives in Waterdown with her husband Kevin '01 and her two sons.
- » **Mark Sinke** graduated in 2004 with a B. Sc. in Biology. While at Redeemer, Mark served on the Alumni Board as Senate Vice-President. Mark works for Serving in Mission Canada (SIM) and lives in Ancaster.
- » **Elizabeth Teeninga** graduated from Redeemer in 2002 with a major in Business. For one of her co-op placements, she worked for nine months in the Alumni and Community Relations Office. Elizabeth is currently working at Mission Services in Hamilton.

### For Alumni Representative to the Senate:

- » **Shannon Spike** completed an undergraduate degree in Political Science in 2002. She went on to earn her Masters in Political Science from the University of Guelph in 2004. Shannon lives in Guelph where she is exploring a number of options in the field of public policy. ■

## Ballot

As noted elsewhere, alumni are invited to cast their ballot for three candidates to serve on Alumni Board as Members at Large, one to serve as the Alumni Association Representative to the Senate, and to vote on proposed changes to the Association's Constitution.

The ballot for all of these items is below. Ballots must be signed, and received by the Alumni Office by September 1, 2007. Members of the Association may submit ballots via e-mail, provided that their name and address appear on the e-mail message received. Ballots cast in this way should be sent to [alumnioffice@redeemer.ca](mailto:alumnioffice@redeemer.ca)

### For Member-at-Large

<b>Jennifer Adema</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Mark Sinke</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Elizabeth Teeninga</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

### For Alumni Association Representative to the Senate

<b>Shannon Spike</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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### Constitution Changes

**I approve of the changes to the Alumni Association's Constitution**

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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**Signature**

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**Ballots must be received by the Alumni Office by September 1, 2007**



## TIME TO TEE IT UP!

**T**he Eleventh Annual Alumni Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2007, starting at 9:00 am. It will be held at the New Course of the Knollwood Golf Course on Book Rd. in Ancaster.

This is a 4-person Best Ball tournament. Feel free to register as a team, or individually, but to guarantee your spot, **advance registration and payment is required**. Send your cheque, payable to Redeemer University College, to the Alumni Office by **September 1, 2007**. The cost of the tournament is \$50 per person. See you on the links!



## A celebration that's been a quarter-century in the making

**A**s noted in the CentreSpot (pp. 14-15), this September will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of Redeemer University College. The Alumni Association encourages all alumni to take part in the activities marking this event, especially the Celebration Service on September 29 at 3:00 pm.

We also invite all alumni, regardless of when they left, to attend a special Homecoming Evening to honour the contributions that students have made over these first twenty-five years of Redeemer's history.

Homecoming will take place on Saturday, September 29, immediately after the Celebration Service. Starting at 6:30 pm, there will be a gala banquet in the Cafeteria, followed by a program that will look at not just the past, but also to the role of alumni now and for the future of Redeemer.

Faculty are also invited to this special Homecoming Celebration, and will be participating in the program as well. This promises to be a memorable night of celebrating the vision, and common history that we share in Redeemer, and God's loving hand in shaping it and us.

There is limited space for this event, and pre-registration is required. To reserve your spot, please send in the Registration

Form below, or visit the Homecoming 2007 web-page. Please register no later than September 8. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the Alumni Office at 905.648.2139, Ext. 4292, or at [alumnioffice@redeemer.ca](mailto:alumnioffice@redeemer.ca). We look forward to hearing from you soon.

### Web Resources

The Homecoming web-page is now up and running at [www.redeemer.ca/alumni/Homecoming](http://www.redeemer.ca/alumni/Homecoming). Please stop by frequently for updates and other Homecoming news. You can also use the page to register on-line, and to see who will be attending Homecoming. All registrants will be asked if they would like to post their names to the Registration List – an easy way to find out if your friends and classmates are participating.

### Participate in the Celebration

Help us make this event memorable. We encourage you to share a story, or send along some interesting memorabilia or photographs from your student days. The stories we may try to incorporate into the program, and the pictures and other items, will be displayed that day. Please send your stories and (well-labeled) mementos to the Alumni Office by September 8, 2007. ■

### We will be attending the Homecoming 2007 Banquet and Program on September 29.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets for the Banquet at \$25 each, or \$40 per couple. Please make cheques payable to Redeemer University College. VISA or MasterCard also accepted.

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer that our/my name **not** be posted on the Homecoming webpage's List of Participants (see above) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to the Alumni Office by September 8.*



## On the set, around the world

**R**edeemer's theatre arts graduates continue to hone their craft in a number of different media, and venues.

**Jennifer McNaughton '03** is currently in the Yukon and Northern BC playing Titania in a touring production of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Jennifer writes that "northern Canada is the perfect location for this play, which will be performed during the week of Summer Solstice - with 20 hours of sunlight per day and magic abounding!"

As a member of the DreamNorth Theatre Company ([www.dreamnorth.ca](http://www.dreamnorth.ca)), Jennifer will be on tour for just under ten days, performing outdoor shows in the evening and offering free acting workshops for kids during the day.

On April 14th, **Jason Hofing '99** premiered his second film, *Color Me Blue*, a mockumentary about coloring contests, at the Redeemer University College Film Festival.

"It was a great evening shared with family, friends, and students. It's always nice to come back to Redeemer with something creative because I have found the audiences to be quite encouraging and supportive of all my projects."

*Color Me Blue* reunites two-thirds of the cast of *Friend of Mine*, Jennifer McNaughton and Sara Weber '97, and includes other Redeemer alumni, Mike Kleinhuis '99, Rachel Hofing VanArragon '99) and Thanh Campbell '96 (as producer).

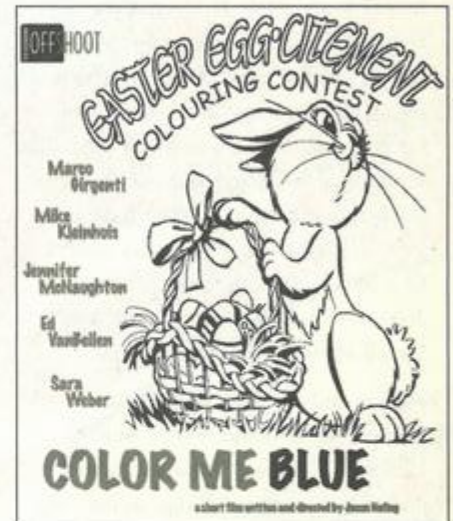
"I love selling an idea for a story," notes Jason. "It's exciting when people want to jump aboard and be a part of something. There are some very talented and creative friends from Redeemer that have helped start Offshoot Productions ([www.offshootproductions.com](http://www.offshootproductions.com), soon to be renamed Offshoot Films)." The company is

currently submitting *Color Me Blue* to various film festivals while working on a new script.

One Yellow Rabbit, a theatre company that includes **David Van Belle '93**, was awarded the 2007 Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Arts Award for its contributions to the arts in that province. David has been part of the ensemble for the past six years, serving as assistant director of the company.

In his acceptance speech, the company's co-artistic director Blake Brooker spoke a little about each ensemble member. "In speaking about me he mentioned that I brought an idea to the company that has proved useful - the maxim that 'life is raw, art is cooked.' That was something that I had learned through Ray Louter (Professor of Theatre Arts and Communication). It's interesting to see how ideas are passed along like energy and energize those who receive them."

In April, David left the company to pursue some of his own projects. He recently received a commission from the Alberta Playwrights Network to write a play this summer about the murder of Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh. ■



Jason Hofing's film premiered at the Redeemer Film Festival this April.

Channelling Ray Louter - Alberta Arts Award winner  
David Van Belle





## Personal Touch

- » **Dave '05 and Elsie Korvemaker Beldman '96** are happy to announce the safe arrival of another daughter, Jordyn Eliyah Claire, on January 3, 2007. Jordyn is a little sister for Leah and Luke. Dave has successfully completed his Master's degree at McMaster Divinity College and looks forward to continuing his studies while Elsie stays home with the kids. Address: 3600 Sixth Ave., Jordan, ON L0R 1S0. E-mail: [dbeldman@sympatico.ca](mailto:dbeldman@sympatico.ca).
- » **Nathan and Lindsay MacMillan Walton '03** were married on August 12, 2006 in Verona, Ontario. Lindsay is currently working full-time as the Outdoor Education Program Coordinator for Camp IAWAH outside of Westport, ON. E-mail: [thegreatoutdoors22@hotmail.com](mailto:thegreatoutdoors22@hotmail.com).
- » **Robert Gagnon '03** graduated from Tyndale with a Masters of Theological Studies in Pentecostal Studies, and is interested in getting in touch with his old Redeemer friends. E-mail: [robertgagnon@hotmail.com](mailto:robertgagnon@hotmail.com).
- » **Mark and Jaye (Plata) Rooney '00** welcomed their first child into the world on November 17, 2006. Sylvia Lynn Rooney is a beautiful child and brightens every day with her smile. Jaye is fortunate to stay home with Sylvia, while Mark works as a chemical engineer. Jaye & Mark have been married for four years and live in Houston, Texas.
- » **Jerome '02 and Kirsten Fowler Vos '03** are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Hayley Amber Vos, on October 1st, 2006. Jerome is working in Burlington as a Director of Finance, and Kirsten is enjoying staying home with Hayley. E-mail: [jkvos@quickclie.net](mailto:jkvos@quickclie.net).
- » **Nixon '00 and Jessica Kralt Maritim '00** are thankful to announce the safe arrival of their second child, Abraham Jake Kipyator. Abraham was born 8 weeks early on January 5, 2007 weighing 4lb 10oz. After only 3 weeks in the NICU he came home on January 29th where he has already doubled his birth weight! Truly God has blessed us with this child and given us a measure of healing with this birth. Big sister, Joy Cheruto, who was stillborn on March 2, 2006 is safe in the arms of Jesus and watching over her little brother. E-mail: [nixonsbride@yahoo.ca](mailto:nixonsbride@yahoo.ca).
- » **Richard and Leanne Yzerman Kuizenga '01** were blessed with a second daughter, Courtney Faith, on July 26, 2006. She is little sister to Kaitlyn Joy. Leanne is currently enjoying her maternity leave from the Christian Reformed Church in North America, where she works as an accountant. E-mail: [rkuizenga@mountaincable.net](mailto:rkuizenga@mountaincable.net).
- » **Chris Kingma '04 and Julie Honig '07** will be married on August 25, 2007 in Sarnia, Ontario. They will then be moving to Orillia, Ontario, where Julie will continue her studies to become a therapeutic recreationist at Barrie College. Chris currently works as a Steel Finisher in Grimsby, and will be looking for work in Orillia.
- » **David '01 and Anne Mallekoote Westra** are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, Pieter James. Pieter was born on March 9, 2007. We praise God for his safe arrival. Address: 622 Benjamin SE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49506. E-mail: [dmw@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:dmw@calvinseminary.edu).
- » **Bryan '91 and Judy Alkema '91**, after a hiatus of four years back in Canada, during which time they were blessed with a bright and beautiful daughter (Katherine Joy, January 2004), have now returned to Korea and are teaching ESL at their old university. For more details and frequent updates, please see their blog, available on their personal website [www.alembyc.com](http://www.alembyc.com), and feel free to leave notes and comments there as well!
- » **Annetta te Velde '94** is blessed to be marrying Paul Lammers on June 30, 2007. She will continue teaching at CCS, Hamilton and will live in Waterdown. Wants to share the news especially with past roommates and good friends, many of whom she's lost contact with. E-mail: [annetta.te@sympatico.ca](mailto:annetta.te@sympatico.ca).
- » **Tim '97 and Ingrid Veldman** are glad to announce the birth of Klaas. He is a brother to Lois (5) and Julia (3). Klaas was born in the Netherlands, even though the Veldmans live in Ethiopia. They are about to enter their fifth year in Ethiopia and are enjoying themselves enormously. Address: PO Box 1566, Debre Zeit, Oromia, Ethiopia. Phone: 251.11.4.33.47.68. E-mail: [espbce@ethionet.et](mailto:espbce@ethionet.et).

We encourage all alumni to share with one another what is going in their lives. Whether it is a birth, wedding, job change or other significant event, send in your announcement to:

### Images

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Ancaster, ON L9K 1J4

You can also submit an announcement electronically through the Alumni web-site: [www.redeemer.ca/alumni/intouch/personaltouch.htm](http://www.redeemer.ca/alumni/intouch/personaltouch.htm), or by sending an email with the details to: [alumnioffice@redeemer.ca](mailto:alumnioffice@redeemer.ca).





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Following a tradition that dates back to the first graduating class, the Class of 2007 presented a gift to Redeemer, a piece of stained glass that will hang in the newly created Prayer Room. On behalf of Redeemer, President Cooper accepted the piece, which was designed by Annie Ling, a member of the graduating class.

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